



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4302  
March 14, 2016

The Honorable Anthony Foxx  
Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Docket DOT-OST-2016-0021

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On behalf of my Texas constituents, I write in strong support of the application of United Airlines to provide air service between the U.S. and Cuba. Specifically, United has applied for Saturday service between Houston George Bush Intercontinental Airport and Havana's José Martí International Airport.

Houston is the largest city in Texas and fourth largest city in the U.S. Texans and businesses in our state would benefit tremendously from United's new competition in the U.S.-Cuba market. While there are nearly 20,000 Cuban-Americans in Houston alone, United's service would also connect communities across the central and western U.S. In total, United's Houston proposal can reach a Cuban-American population approaching 200,000. Due to the prominent placement of Houston in United's robust network, this proposed service would directly connect 20 key markets across the central and western U.S. to Cuba with just one stop in Houston.

I greatly appreciate the Department's work in helping to conclude an historic agreement that liberalizes air services between the U.S. and Cuba. Given the benefits for consumers and businesses alike in Texas and the central and western United States, I urge the Department to grant United's application for its proposed new air service to Havana from Houston and other important U.S. gateways.

Sincerely,

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